



Housing Needs Survey Results

The Bures Neighbourhood Plan will cover both Bures St Mary and Bures Hamlet Parish Council areas and after being officially approved by Braintree and Babergh District Councils, started its activities in the last quarter of 2021.

As part of its evidence gathering activities Bures Neighbourhood Plan commissioned Rural Community Council for Essex (RCCE) to undertake an independent Housing Needs Survey (HNS).

The survey ran for a period of four weeks closing on 27 March 2022. Each household had a hand delivered survey form which had a prepaid return envelope. Surveys were also accessible online. The survey was promoted in the Parish and School magazines, on-line (including on the Beautiful Bures Facebook pages), on posters placed throughout the village and in the village retail outlets.

RCCE have prepared an initial report of the survey finding for the Neighbourhood Plan public feedback sessions being held on the 9th and 10th April in the village. The full HNS report will then be made available by the end of April 2022.

The Neighbourhood Plan steering committee have been asked to make these preliminary findings available to support Bures St Mary's and Bures Hamlet's response to the Chambers Bus Depot planning application number DC/22/00754.

The key findings from the survey are:

- The survey had a good of 34% response rate. This above the average seen by RCCE.
- There was good support for small housing development (4-8 houses), with 79% stating they would be supportive if this is primarily affordable housing for local people. This number dropped to 40% if the housing was open market sale only.
- There was general support for housing for the local community, more particularly the younger generation and their families, whilst hoping any development will not be too large and unsympathetic to its surroundings.
- 70% of respondents would be supportive of a Community Led Housing scheme in Bures

Housing Needs detail:

- 16% of respondents indicated that they had a need to move to alternative accommodation. The main reason respondents had a desire to move to alternative accommodation was a need for a smaller home/downsizing (39%) followed by those wanting their first home (32%).
- Two-bedroom households were the most preferred property size (52%)

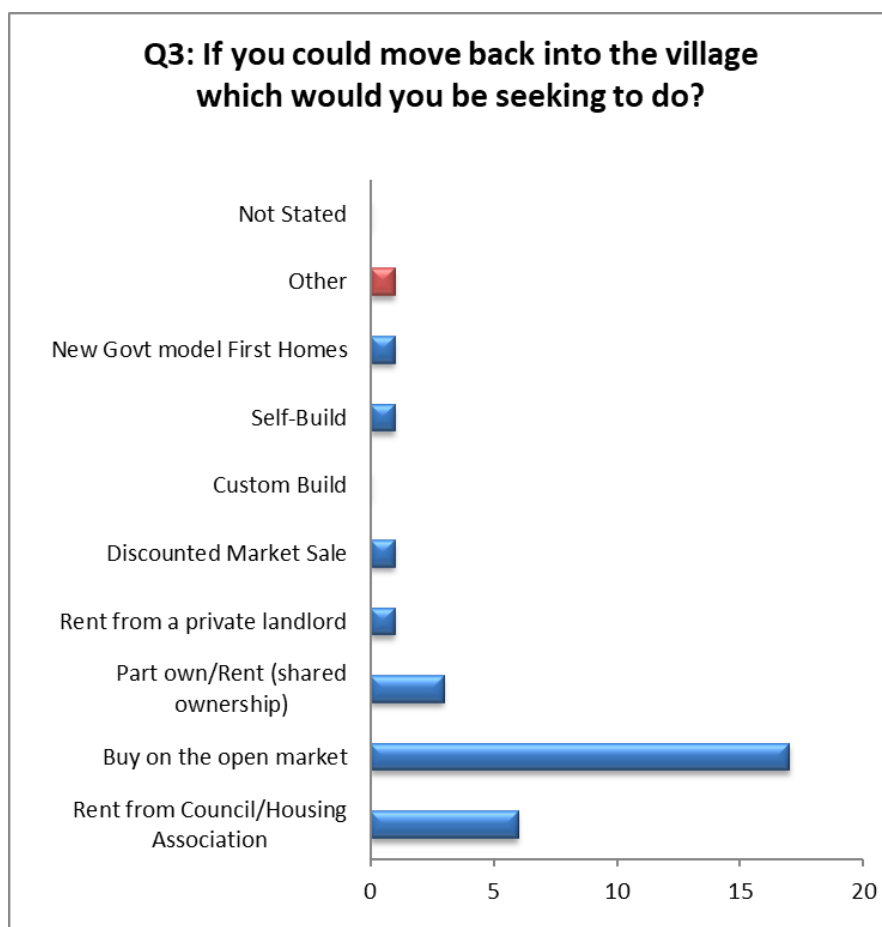
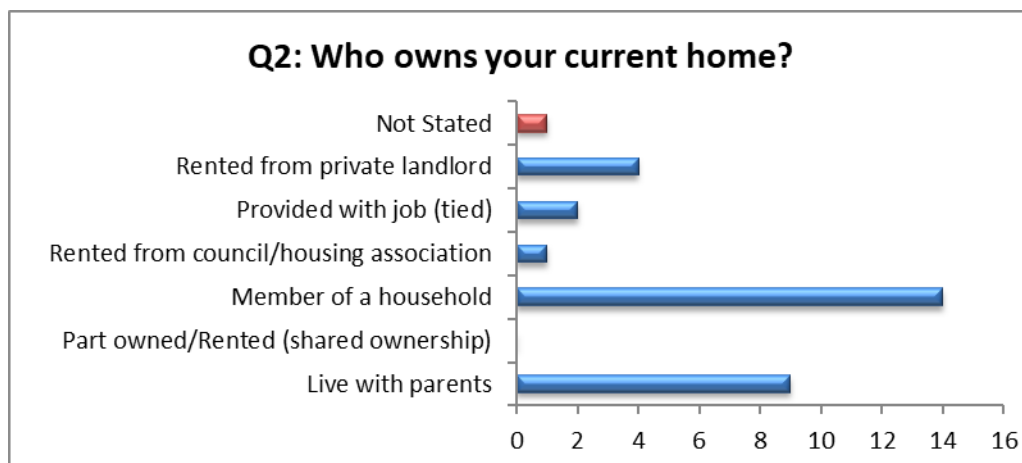
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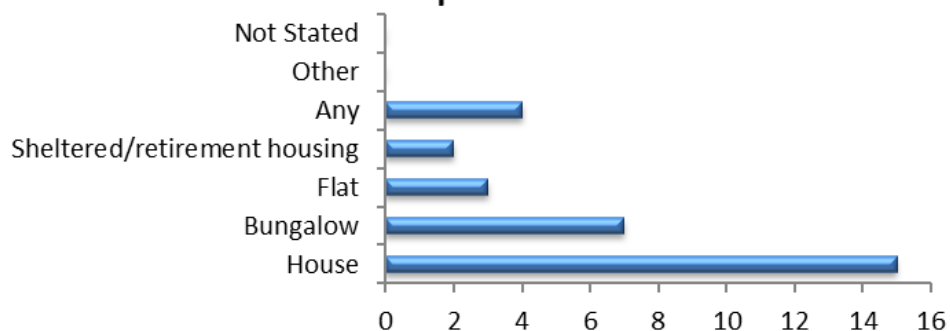
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Forty-one households indicated they had a need for alternative accommodation by answering “Yes” to question 9a in part 1 of the survey form however, thirteen people stated that they wished to move outside of Bures although a further three households did go onto to complete part 2. For the purposes of reviewing the need of Bures therefore, the percentage shown is the percentage of the thirty-one respondents who expressed and filled in a housing need in the Parishes (31=100%).

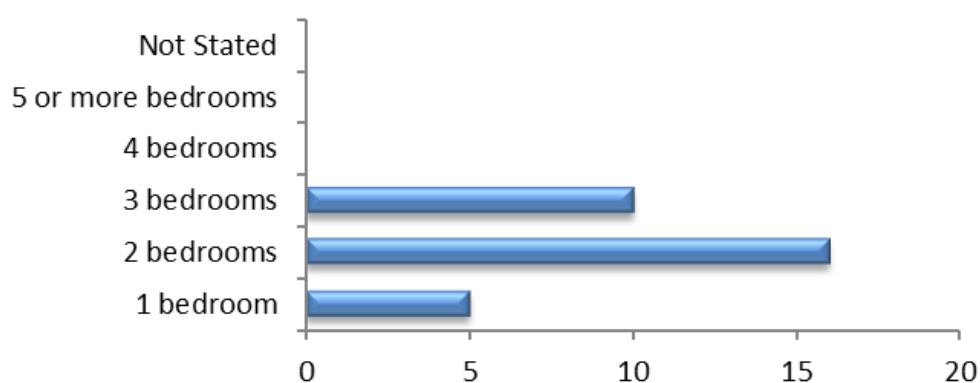




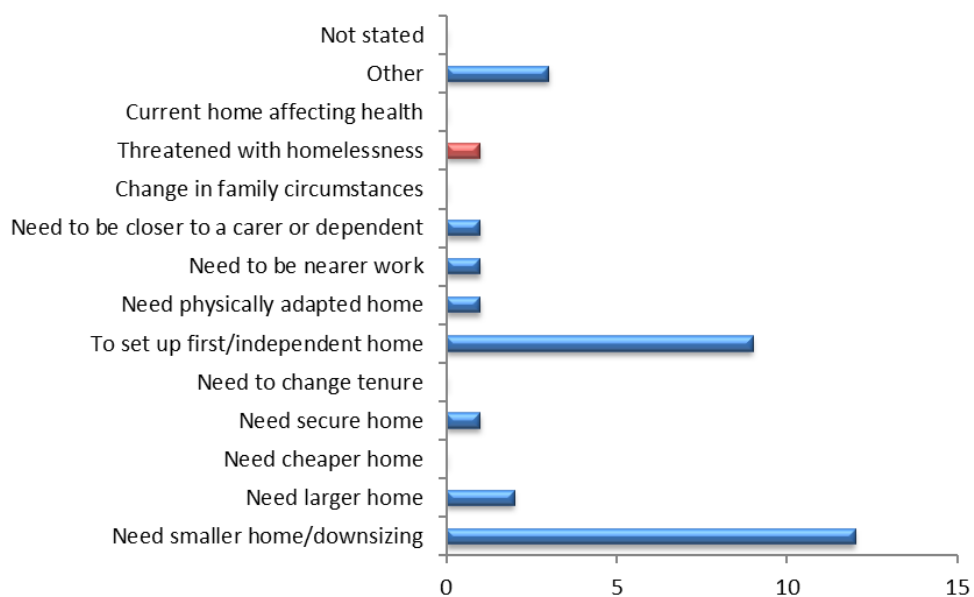
Q5: What type of accommodation do you require?



Q6: How many bedrooms do you require?



Q8: What is the main reason for you wanting to move?





Q12: Which of the following best describes your current situation?

